

**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

Members Present:

Corrections Representatives: Craig Burr, Conducting, Sandi Errigo, Colleen Gabbitas, Steve Turley

FOCUS Group Representatives: Robyn Brickey, Roy Droddy, Lilas Park, Marilyn West, Larry Winniger, Stephanie Peterson

Special Guest / Speakers: Sharon Duerelle, Victim Services

Welcome: Craig Burr welcomed those in attendance. He asked if the minutes from the last meeting were accessible to everyone on the internet. Deputy Director Haddon did the work in getting them posted. The address is: <http://corrections.utah.gov/offenders/FOCUS>. Sandi will send the address out again to everyone. Individual introductions were made all around the table.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes were approved.

Agenda:

Sharon Duerelle from Victim Services spoke on the subject of PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). The federal government made a request that incarceration facilities be more cognizant of sexual issues. All states were asked to research ideas.

Sharon works with SART, a group whose responsibility it is to respond to inmates reporting crimes, to investigate, see that rape exams are conducted, etc. State inmates, both in state and county facilities who report being abused, need to know they have a place to go. This is the purpose of SART. There are approximately 40-50 rapes reported by male and female inmates per year, with the majority being male.

The question was asked, "How many of these cases are actually prosecuted?" The percentage is small because victims are afraid to testify for fear of retribution by the perpetrator. We can only put the victim in restricted movement areas for their safety, which tends to make victims feel "punished." Perpetrators receive reduced levels, fines, lockdowns and court punishments. An effort is made to move the perpetrator rather than the victim when possible. Much is dependent on the individual circumstance of each case. The more we can make services and safety available, the more inmates will come forward. Presently, there is a confidential reporting line for inmates and R&O teaches sexual assault instructions, i.e., where to go, what to do, etc. An effort is made to make sure an inmate receives all the referrals he needs, but our role is not that of mental health.

Officers are receiving training in how to handle claims of sexual assault by inmates. The hotline number is posted in the housing units. All new officers are now receiving this training at the academy. It is important that every report is thoroughly followed up on, even if inmates indicate it was consensual.

Marianne asked how long inmates remain on the fine list after their release. Sharon thought it was about 3 months, but will research this.

Questions & Issues Addressed By Craig Burr:

Q: What is the latest update on college programming?

A: Craig met with Senator Draxler two weeks ago. Senator Draxler is considering sponsoring a bill that would provide an additional \$2,000,000 for higher education at Draper, Gunnison, and county jails. Craig contacted Utah Valley State College (distant learning group) and they were very interested in providing education to inmates. They toured UCI and were able to talk to inmates. Lower tuition rates and revenues from inmate phone calls were explained to them. Actions taken by the legislature may have an effect on their decision to provide education.

The following report details the Academic Year-End statistics for Draper and Gunnison sites, as well as county jails:

2006-2007

ACADEMIC YEAR-END REPORT

CORRECTIONS EDUCATION

UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

PRISONS: DRAPER AND GUNNISON SITES

Participating School Districts: **Jordan** and **South Sanpete**

1. High School and Associative Services, e.g., Basic Literacy, Special Education, GED Preparation and Testing, High School Completion (both sites)

Enrollment: Male **3879** Female **439**
Contact Hours **685,041**
Credits Earned **5141**
Academic Level Gains **559**
High School Diplomas Awarded **324**
GED Certificates Awarded **174**

2. Occupational Training

Instructional Programs:

Utah State University (both sites) Business Administration, Accounting,
Psychology

Salt Lake Community College (Draper site) Building
Construction/Construction Management, Cabinet Making, Automotive

Technology, Engineering Drafting, Electronics, Culinary Arts,
Computer Assisted Drafting and Computer Graphics
Snow College (Gunnison site) Associate of Arts, Associate of Science
Snow College, Richfield Campus (Gunnison site) Building Trades,
Computer Assisted Drafting

Enrollment: Male **585** Female **171**
Vocational Certificates Awarded **67**
Associate Degrees Awarded **50**
Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded **17**

COUNTY JAILS: STATEWIDE

Participating School Districts: **Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Garfield, Grand, Granite, Iron, Jordan, Kane, Millard, Nebo, Ogden, San Juan, Sevier, South Sanpete, Tooele, Uintah, Wasatch, and Washington**

1. High School and Associative Services, e.g., Basic Literacy, GED Preparation and Testing, High School Completion (all county jails)

Enrollment: Male **2859** Female **711**
Contact Hours **194,200**
Credits Earned **4962**
Academic Level Gains **577**
High School Diplomas Awarded **382**
GED Certificates Awarded **283**

2. Occupational Training

Instructional Programs:

Utah State University (San Juan County Jail, Duchesne County Jail, and Garfield County Jail) Business Administration, Accounting, Psychology

Uintah Basin Applied Technology College (Duchesne County Jail and Daggett County Jail) Building Trades

Garfield School District, Career and Technical Education (Garfield County Jail) Computer Basics, Word Processing

Millard School District, Career and Technical Education (Millard County Jail) Architectural Drafting

Southwest Applied Technology College (Beaver County Jail) Culinary Arts (Garfield County Jail) Computer Assisted Drafting

Dixie Applied Technology College (Washington County Jail) Culinary Arts, Computer Aided Design, Office Occupations

Wasatch School District, Career and Technical Education (Summit County Jail and Wasatch County Jail) Computer Basics, Word Processing

Enrollment: Male 297 Female 82
Vocational Certificates Awarded 76
Associate Degrees Awarded 12
Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded 2

Note: For information regarding this report, please contact Jeffrey Galli, Corrections Education Specialist, Utah State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, P.O. Box 144200, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200 (801) 538-7989.

Current Higher Education Providers:

Utah State University - previously Draper and Gunnison sites - I think they are still providing higher education for state offenders at Garfield, San Juan, and Duchesne County Jails.

Salt Lake Community College - Draper site - Male and Female Offenders

Snow College (Ephraim/Richfield) - Gunnison site - Male Offenders

Southwest Applied Technology College - Garfield and Beaver County Jails - Male Offenders

Dixie Applied Technology College - Purgatory/Washington County Jail - Male and Female Offenders

Uintah Basin Applied Technology College - Duchesne County Jail - Male Offenders

In addition, Craig also provided the following information regarding higher education funding: *(Information from the meeting held on September 17, 2007 which was provided by Utah System of Higher Education)*

"The Utah System of Higher Education currently provides educational services to Utah inmates in both state prison as well as county jails throughout the state. In an effort to stabilize prison education funding, USHE staff have reviewed current state-tax fund allocations and institutional expenditures on prison education programs. The following information provides an estimate regarding the infusion of funds needed to stabilize the program. The value calculated does not allow for expansion of services to prisoners. The value is what it currently costs institutions to provide services today."

Ongoing Base Budget \$ 385,700. - (Tax funds from the General Funds)
Estimate Telephone Surcharge \$1,000.000.
Estimated New Funds \$1,500.000. - (Possible legislation to be submitted by Representative Jack Draxler to increase funding for higher education for offenders.)

Total State-Tax Funds \$2,885,700.

Also with regard to funding, it is to be noted that USU suspended service at Garfield at the same time service was suspended at the Draper and CUCF locations. Dixie Applied Technology College in Purgatory, Washington County Jail, dropped the clerical (female), CAD (males), building construction (males) programs. The culinary arts program will end in about 3 weeks. These changes are due to funding problems.

Cost to educate a single inmate carrying a full schedule of credit hours, is approximately \$1,500. Forty-six percent of revenues from Draper and Gunnison inmate calls go to education. During

2006-07 total telephone surcharge collections totaled approximately \$750,000. This was \$250,000 short of the amount authorized. The telephone surcharge funds collections vary from year to year, making it difficult to predict the amount of funds that will actually be available to spend. Previous to 2006, surcharge funds were allocated to ITS. Education has only recently been receiving this additional revenue, so a pattern of dependable funding has not yet been established.

Update on DORA(Drug Offender Reform Act):

This past week Craig attended the Sheriff's Conference. They were updated on the program and every inmate who has been incarcerated 6 months or less, will be screened for his/her DORA qualifications. An LSI score of 16-35 is required. If an inmate meets the screening requirements, an assessment is done. Recruitment is now being done for qualified assessors. Screening and assessment information is then forwarded to treatment providers who fill available treatment slots. Treatment is designed for after an offender's release. Cost of treatment is \$5,500 per year per offender. DORA and Drug Court are two totally separate fundings. Craig will provide information on the pilot program for DORA.

State Meth Ads:

The state will be doing more meth ads, possibly following Montana's program of targeting teens. As a result of Montana's campaign, meth use has dropped an estimated 50% in their state.

Cost of Offender Incarceration:

Cliff Butcher provided the following as the average cost to incarcerate an offender during FY07:

\$70.35 per day
\$25,678 per year

State I.D.'s for Inmates:

We will be purchasing a machine to make state I.D. cards for \$13,000. Training will be conducted for those operating the machine. Craig will investigate the problem of Property refusing to hold birth certificates for inmates until their release. In the interim, we cannot provide a temporary service because issuing state I.D. cards is federally controlled and beyond our jurisdiction.

Larry Winnigar reported on the recent activities of Workforce Services and upcoming events being planned.

Suggestions were taken for subjects to be addressed at the next FOCUS meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next FOCUS meeting will be held Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Region III Adult Probation & Parole office, 36 West Fremont Ave. (1100 South), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

REVENUES AND COMMISSIONS FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR COLLECTION PERIOD FY08																																						
Draper							CUCF - Gunnison							Community Correct Centers CCC							Totals Draper, CUCF, Centers																	
Month Paid	Local & Instate Revenue	Local & Instate Commission	Out of State Revenue	Out of State Commission	Total Revenue	Total Commission @46%	Local & Instate Revenue	Local & Instate Commission	Out of State Revenue	Out of State Commission	Total Revenue	Total Commission @46%	Local & Instate Revenue	Local & Instate Commission	Out of State Revenue	Out of State Commission	Total Revenue	Total Commission @ 38%	Total Commission																			
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01-Sep-07	\$100,501.94	\$46,230.89	\$23,993.05	\$11,036.80	\$124,494.99	\$ 57,267.69	\$23,773.58	\$10,935.85	\$6,053.10	\$2,784.43	\$29,826.68	\$13,720.28	\$ 2,900.08	\$1,102.05	\$666.25	\$253.25	\$3,566.33	\$1,355.30																				
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